

Historical Society

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Newsletter - Fall/Winter 1992-93

Greetings to all our members and friends! We are sending this Newsletter to keep you informed of our progress.

The newly elected Board of our Historical Society was installed with our first meeting held June 24th at the Historical Museum. The building is now in good condition after the City of Palm Desert restored it. We set goals to be open on each Monday from 9:00 a.m. until noon. A telephone answering machine was installed, and all calls that are received during the week are answered with help given to anyone who requests information. Volunteers started in June working, sorting, and cleaning old newspapers, pictures, and documents which we already had in the building. In addition, we are sorting out all of the contents that have been so badly neglected while waiting for the building to be ready for us.

Our 1st official Board Meeting was held on October 21st. We reviewed progress made during the summer months; some of the high-

lights were the completion of most of the interior work on the building, including the installation of blinds on the windows. This was very helpful in keeping the building cooler during the summer. We cleaned the bay in which our newly restored fire truck will be kept now that the garage doors have also been repaired. Mrs. Henderson has also completed moving all of her materials into the west wing. Last but not least, our new security system is working very well.

Our volunteers have been visiting other Historical Societies and establishing contacts with other museums in Southern California to reestablish contacts and to make sure we are on their mailing lists so that we may stay better informed. We are working on our film and slide library to get all the projects back in operating order again and to rebuild our slide and film presentations; this is a very much needed project.

We wish to thank all of you for your prompt response to our dues bill-

ing. The Board adopted a new dues structure which was mailed to you. The response has been great, and it gives us a wonderful feeling to experience such interest from our membership. We will be keeping much closer contact with you now that our office is reorganized.

The Board established several committees, and we need help from any of you who might have time to serve. Some of these committees are: Planning, Budget and Finance, Nominating, House and Grounds, Communications, Historical Survey, Preservation, Fund Raising and Special Events, Membership, and Docents.

If any of you have an interest in one of these committees, please drop by the office any Monday from 9:00 a.m. until noon or call us at 346-6588. If we're not there, leave your name and telephone number; we'll contact you. We **do need help!** If you are unable to help but have ideas or suggestions that we could use, **please call us!!**

We are in great need of office help, someone who could do secretarial work such as typing, etc. The City will be donating a computer in the near future and in the meantime, we have an almost new electric typewriter and a number of letters that need to be typed as well as help in getting the office and filing system organized. **Please** call us if you or someone you know can help!

LOOKING AHEAD

The Historical Museum is a very exciting program, and as part of it

we have many projects in the planning stages. Since it is almost like starting new after being dormant with no home for several years, we are gradually pulling all the things together, but it does take time. Even though our Society was organized in 1978 and was very active, many of the records have been misfiled or destroyed over the years. We appreciate your patience and continued support; we will be keeping you better informed as we are better prepared to do so.

We need help from any of you who might have a few hours or a day now and then; please call if you would like to participate.

We hope to be able to have a social event in the Spring of 1993 when we will be better prepared to properly handle it. In the meantime, please accept this open invitation to stop by and see the building. As previously stated, we are open Monday mornings, but we can meet you there if you call and leave your name and telephone number so that we can get back to you to confirm an appointment.

We will be calling you for help!

Sincerely,

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